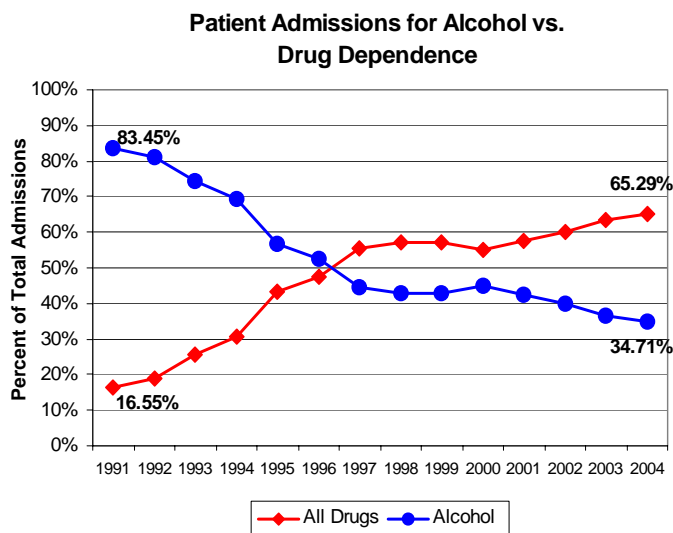


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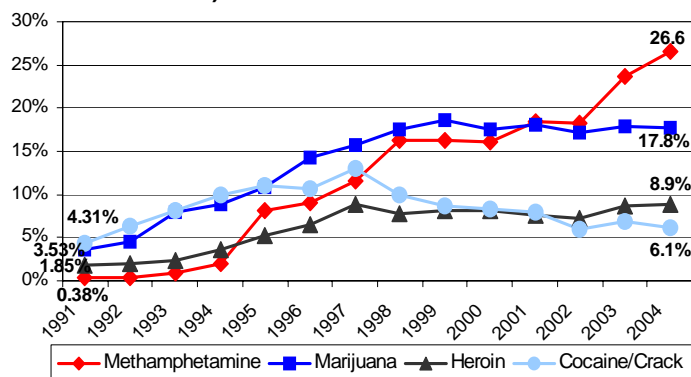
Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Utah FY2004 Fact Sheet

In fiscal year 1991, 83% of Utah patients came into treatment for help with alcohol dependence; in fiscal year 2004, that percentage fell to 35%. On the other hand, the percentage of patients entering treatment for illicit drug abuse/dependence has risen from 17% in 1991 to over 65% in 2005.



Significantly contributing to the increase of illicit drug use among treatment admissions is methamphetamine. Before fiscal year 1994, it accounted for less than 1% of the total treatment admissions. It passed marijuana as the illicit drug of choice for the first time in 1998, and today over 26% report methamphetamine as their primary substance of abuse.

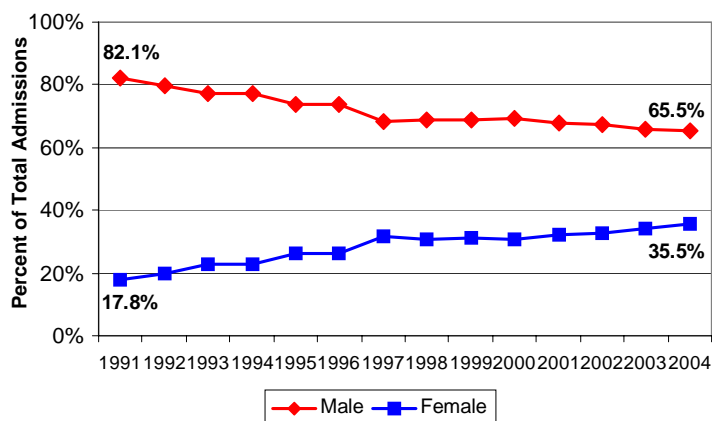
Top Four Illicit Drugs of Choice by Year (Excluding Alcohol) As a Percent of Total Admissions



There were 12,383 men admitted into treatment in 1991 compared to 13,653 in 2004; that is 1,234 more admissions or a 10% increase. For women over the same time frame, there were 2,679 women admitted in 1991 and 7,508 women admitted in 2004; this is an increase of 4,829 admissions or a **180% increase**. Women are more likely than men to receive treatment for methamphetamine abuse, and this may contribute to the increase of treatment for illicit drugs other than alcohol.

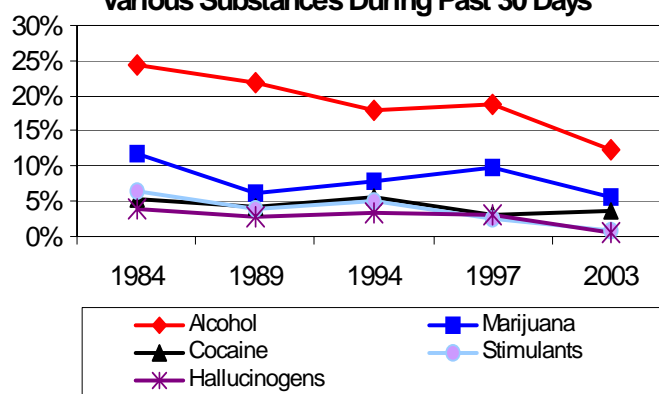
- 20.9% of males reported methamphetamine as their primary substance of abuse in fiscal year 2004, compared to 37.2% of females.

Trends in Admission by Gender



The good news is that overall drug use among youth in Utah has decreased. The chart below depicts a significant decrease in alcohol and other drug use. Since 1997, there has been a sharp decrease in alcohol and marijuana use.

Percent of Utah Students Grades 7 - 12 Who Used Various Substances During Past 30 Days



The National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health (NHSDUH) measured the reported past month use of any illicit drug in the time periods of 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. The following shows how Utah ranked compared to other states:

- Age 12-17: In both time periods, Utah was ranked number one with the lowest rate of use.
- Age 18-15: Again, Utah was number one in both time periods.
- Age 26 or Older: Utah moved from number 18 in 1999-2000 to fifth in 2000-2001.
- Total: Utah moved from number nine in 1999-2000 to fifth in 2000-2001.

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